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The Bible and daily living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

Do you really want to be healed?

Lesson for Feb. 10, 1980
Scripture Reference: John 5:1-24
Focal Passage: John 5:2-15
The setting for healing (John 5:1-4)

What does it take for you to experience healing? Many of us are broken bodily, emotionally, and spiritually. Where do we go? To whom do we turn for healing? Is there one place in all this world where we many find relief from our sufferings? An even broader question is this: **Do we really want to be healed?**

Our lesson this week focuses on a man who was lame for thirty-eight years. That's a long time to live with suffering! The setting is a pool whose waters were thought to contain medicinal powers.

We can only surmise certain things from this story. For instance, perhaps the lame man advertised his lameness in order to arouse sympathy from those around him. Some persons get a lot of mileage out of their illnesses. Sometimes we find it more convenient to be sick than to be well. In our society it is permissible to be sick and be irresponsible. In and of itself, that is alright. But to cling to our illness as a way of arousing sympathy and attention, or as a means to escape responsibility, is a sign of a deeper malody, not wholeness.

The lame man in our study was confronted with the question he may not have really wanted to hear nor answer. Jesus asked him pointedly: "Do you want to be healed?" So the lame man was faced with a choice to continue in his lameness or to be healed and take charge of his life. Jesus directed his question as a challenge to arouse the man from apothy thirty-eight years of apothy!

Think about the following. The scene is a crowded doctor's office with wall-to-wall patients, each waiting to be treated for their illnesses. How many are there because they actually have a disease or because there is disease in their life? Physical symptoms may be evidence of deeper rooted problems.

Is there a connection between some diseases and certain lifestyles? moral behavior? unresolved anger or grief? loneliness? My hunch is an emphatic "yes!" Although I cannot clinically validate this, but even a common cold may be symptomatic of depressed feelings.

The gift of healing (John 5:5-9)

A flip-side of this story is the startling truth that around the pool it may have been everyone for himself. In a city that was supposed to be made up of deeply religious people, the afflicted and diseased may have been ignored. How easy it is to pass over the helpless on our way to the top. How easy it is to be blinded by our own selfish needs without seeing the struggles of others. "Take up thy beds and walk." What a tremendous display of the kingdom's power! Before the eyes of many, Jesus enabled an afflicted man to not only walk, but to carry his bed. Jesus performed the gift of healing. And a gift it was. The lame man did not seemingly ask nor want the healing. Perhaps he was afraid that Jesus was a huckster, out to make a quick buck in exchange for a sure-fire cure.

The very presence of Jesus created a sense of wonderment at his strange powers. The lame man became whole and left the pool to face a totally new life without his lameness. Could he manage without his lameness? Would he take charge of his life and accept responsibility now that he was no longer afflicted? We don't know the answers to these questions. We can, however, answer them for ourselves. Do we live with too much self-infliction? Are we willing to wrestle with the deeper sort causes of some of our ailments?

Healers are not always applauded (John 5:10)16)

Jesus seemed to arouse controversy wherever he went. He was criticized for both what he did and for what he said. It was usually a no win situation.

Following the healing of the lame man, the Jews confronted the man made whole with the sabbath law code. "It is not right for you to carry your bed on the sabbath." It was an infraction of the Jewish law to carry anything on the sabbath. The healed paralytic focused their attention on Jesus.

Later Jesus met the man in the temple and in effect said to him, "See, you are well. Go now and do not continue in sin lest something worse happen to you." What could be worse than to be lame and unable to walk? Shall we venture to say "Spiritual lameness?" Thus, Jesus once again demonstrates his concern for both the physical and spiritual needs of persons.

Tenions mounted as Jesus continued to proclaim the good news of the kingdom through word and miracle. The hostility of the Jewish leaders mounted as they sought ways to silence this strange man and his even stranger teachings.

In verses 17-24 we note the charges of blasphemy as Jesus identified himself with God. Jesus was criticized and even hated by those who heard him proclaiming himself equal to God the Father, But Jesus did not stop at their hostile charges. He continued in his mission to bring healing and wholeness to the helpless.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

The pastor speaks

Biblical words that need attention

BY HARVEY SMITH

Mother: Your great gandaddy was a gay fellow.

Teenage Son: What!!

Mother: He was. He was vivacious and light hearted and

Teenage Son: Oh. Yeah.

Words have a way of changing. Another example (perhaps less drastatic) is the word COMFORT. What images arise in your mind at the hearing of COMFORT? Right. The easy chair, slippers, the sports page, the kids spending the night with their grandparents. COMFORT. Yet we associate the old 16 inch coastal guns that used to adorn the shore at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, with the idea of strength - OLD POINT WITH STRENGTH. And that is exactly what COMFORT meant - cum fortus = with strength. The Holy Spirit is our STRENGTHENER. We read of Him in the Biblical literature by John and we speak of Him as the COMFORTER, but I hope and pray that this brings to mind images having to do with strength - not images of ease and luxury.

Consider the word REMEMBER. One of the Biblical uses of this word we know so well is from the request uttered by the penitent theif that day at Golgatha: "Jesus, **remember** me when you come into your kingdom". It seems unthinkable that this man was merely saying, "Please don't forget me." This use of the word REMEMBER and our Lord's use of the word from which we get REMEMBER must be understood as it was understood at the time the word was used. This is not always easy, but we are simply bound to work at it.

The idea of memory in Biblical Hebrew is more than mere mental activity. Rather RE-MEMBERING is thought of in close relation to the activity to which the remembering gives rise. In Malachi the people are urged, "Remember ye the law of Moses." The meaning isn't that they merely maintain the mental process of not forgetting the Law of Moses. Rather they are, by the imperative "Remember the Law of Moses" being ordered to obey the Law. REMEMBER has a greater dimension than

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COURSE	TIME	CLASS BEGINS	LENGTH OF COURSE	COST	LOCATION
Adult Basic Education					
Adult Basic Class (Classes for adults who did not finish High School and who desire to work toward securing the State Equivalency Certificate)	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	50 hours	No Tuition Charge	Adult Education Center at Appomattox Elementary School
Adult General Education					
Art (Drawing & Painting)	Thursday, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 21	20 hours	$10.00 plus cost of materials	ACHS Art Department
Diet, Exercise and Behavior Modification (DEB)	1:00-3:00p.m. or 7:00-9:00p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	20 hours	No tuition charge	Afternoon - Extension Office Night - ACHS Room 110
(This class is being conducted by the Appomattox County Extension Office in cooperation with the Adult Education Program, Appomattox County Schools)					
GED Review Class (For adults who want to take the high school equivalency examination)	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	50 hours	$30.00 includes books	ACHS, Room 303
Ptysical Education (Men)	Mon & Th, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Monday, Jan. 28	30 hours	$7.50	ACHS Gym
Ptysical Education (Women)	Monday, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Monday, Feb. 18	20 hours	$5.00	AMS Gym
Agricultural Education					
Adult Farmer Evening Class (Pamplin)	Thursday, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 31	20 hours	no fee	Library Pamplin Sch.

COURSE	TIME	CLASS BEGINS	LENGTH OF COURSE	COST	LOCATION
Farm Machinery Repair (Pamplin)	Monday, 6:30-10:00p.m.	Monday, Jan. 14	70 hours	$5.00	Pamplin Sch. Shop
Farm Machinery Repair (Appomattox)	Tu & Th, 6:30-10:00p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 22	70 hours	$5.00	Vo-Ag Dept. AMS
Woodworking	Tuesday, 7:00-10:00p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	30 hours	$15.00	ACHS, Vo-Ag Department
Young Farmers (Young men 16-35 years of age)	Contact Vocational Agriculture Department at ACHS for information concerning this class - Phone 352-7146.				
Business Education					
Bookkeeping, Beg. (Accounting)	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	40 hours	$28.00 includes books	ACHS Bus. Ed. Dept.
Typing, Beginning	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Tuesday Feb. 19	48 hours	$15.00	ACHS Bus. Ed. Dept.
Typing, Advanced	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	48 hours	$15.00	ACHS Bus. Ed. Dept.
Distributive Education					
Psycho-Synatic (Human Relations)	Tuesday, 6:30-9:30p.m.	Tuesday, April 15	15 hours	$10.00	ACHS - D. E. Department
Sales Effectiveness Training	Tu & Wd., 6:30-9:30p.m. March 25 and 26	Tuesday March 25	6 hours	$5.00	ACHS D. E. Department
Shoplifting Prevention Clinic - Offered in Cooperation with Appomattox Sheriff Dept. and Lynchburg City Police Dept.	Tuesday, 6:30-9:30p.m.	Tuesday, March 18	3 hours	$2.50	ACHS D. E. Department
Home Economics Education					
Young Homemakers	Contact Home Economics Department at ACHS for information concerning this class. Phone 352-7146.				
Sewing, Beginning	Thursday, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 21	25 hours	$10.00	ACHS Home Ec. Dept.

COURSE	TIME	CLASS BEGINS	LENGTH OF COURSE	COST	LOCATION
Sewing, Intermediate and Advanced	Thursday, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 21	25 hours	$10.00	ACHS Home Ec. Dept.
Upholstery	Tuesday, 7:00-10:00p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	25 hours	$10.00	Home Ec. Dept, ACHS
Trade and Industrial Education					
Bricklaying	Tu & Th 7:00-9:30p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	45 hours	$15.00	ACHS Masonry Department

NOTE:

1. Appomattox County School Board reserves the right to cancel a class if less than ten (10) persons enroll for a class.
2. Enrollment fees to be collected by instructor at first class meeting.
3. Persons are to pre-register for a class by calling 352-8253 during the hours of 8:30 - 5:00 or by mailing the registration form below.
4. Persons interested in a class not offered, please contact R. B. Carter, Adult Education Coordinator, at 352-8253 and give information about class desired.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please enroll Miss/Mr./Mrs. _____ in the following course _____
First Middle Last
Course Name Telephone Number
and address of enrollee _____

Mail To: Adult Education Coordinator, Appomattox County School Board, P. O. Box 548 Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Cattle producers voting referendum upcoming

Beef Referendum - Cattle producers who have registered to vote in the upcoming Beef Referendum are reminded that the voting period will be from Feb. 19 through Feb. 22. Producers who requested to vote by mail will be mailed a ballot. If you did not request to vote by mail, please stop by the ASCS office between Feb. 19 and Feb. 22 and vote.

The Beef Research and Information program would be administered by a board of up to 68 producers and five non-voting consumer advisors. Each state would be represented on the board in proportion to its share of the cattle industry. The program would be funded by assessments based on the value of cattle sold.

All sellers in the marketing chain would be assessed and the buyer at the point of slaughter would deduct the total assessment and forward it to the board. Any producer would request and receive a refund of the assessment paid.

For more information on the beef referendum contact the ASCS office.

1980 ACP and FIP signup - We are continuing the signup for the 1980 Agricultural Conservation Program and Forestry Incentives Program. If you are interested contact the ASCS office.

"Those farmers that have signed up for seeding, liming and fertilizer practices and have not brought in soil samples yet are asked to do so soon as possible.

New Growers Allotment - Farmers interested in obtaining a new growers tobacco allotment for their farm are asked to contact the ASCS office by Feb. 15. This applies to all types of tobacco.

Lease and transfer of flue-cured tobacco - The ASCS office is currently accepting leases and transfers of flue-cured tobacco for the 1980 crop year. Bulletin board space is available at the office for farmers to post their leasing intentions.

Farm storage facility loans - Farm storage structures, silos and drying equipment loans are available at the ASCS office. We will loan up to 85% of the cost of eligible equipment (Foundation, wiring included) at 10.5% true interest. The term of the loan can be from five to eight years, which is up to the borrower. For more information check with us.

Fire-cured tobacco information - Growers are reminded that the fire -cured markets will close Feb. 7. If you have not returned your marketing card to the ASCS office, please do so as soon as possible so we can complete the records for your farm.

Fire-cured producers are also reminded that allotment notices will be mailed to them after the markets close this year. When you receive your allotment notice, you are eligible to lease and transfer your allotment for the 1980 crop year.

4-H News

Miss Jamerson's 4-H Club

Miss Jamerson's 4-H Club was held January 17. Candace Hix led us in the American Flag and Clinton Saunders led us in the 4-H Flag. Tommy and Lisa led in the song called "The Lost Child." Mrs. Walton recorded us on the tape and let us hear our classmates a little bit.

Mrs. Chilton gave us an update on 4-H Public Speaking which will be held on February 1, 1980. She told us we'll be going to Holiday Lake 4-H Camp first this summer. If we want to go, we have to start saving our money before June 16 to 20.

Reporter, Darlene Hix

Mrs. Davis' 4-H

Mrs. Davis' 5th grade met for its January meeting on Thursday the 17th. The meeting was called to order by the club president, Troy Totty. Songs were led by Kathy Jones and Todd Garrett.

Mr. Sweet discussed several topics of interest. It seems early, but we learned that it isn't too soon to start planning for 4-H summer camp. Mr. Sweet also talked more about the public speaking contest scheduled for February 5th.

Our club is very pleased to announce that it had six students to enter the cookie contest. Among these were two boys, Greg Ayers and Jonathan White who both won red ribbons. Other winners were Margie Lockner, blue; Wanda Martin, red; Dorinda Woodford, blue; and Patricia Myrick, red. This generation may not do much with spinach, but it looks like we're headed in the right direction where cookies are concerned.

Patricia Myrick
Reporter

Mrs. Alvis' 4-H Club

Mrs. Alvis' 4-H met on Jan. 15, at 11:00 a.m. Beth Marston led us in the American flag pledge and Rhonda Ranson led us in the 4-H Pledge. The recreation leaders, Greg Hamlett, Gary Scruggs and Lisa Martin, led the group in games. The president called the meeting to order. The secretary, Kathy White, read the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Sweet announced that Public Speaking was Feb. 4 and 4-H Camp would be June 16-20.

Mr. Sweet presented a program on "Making an Effective Speech."

The meeting was then adjourned.

Rhonda Ranson
Reporter

Evergreen 4-H Club

The Evergreen 4-H Club meeting was held Jan. 10 at the home of Trambra and Duane Hamlet.

Karen Stevens, vice president, called the meeting to order. Brenda Haskin and Bernadine Garrett said the pledges. Secretary Tramba Hamlet read the minutes of the November and December meetings. They were approved as read.

There were 12 present and five absent from the club meeting. Old business discussed included pine seedlings, projects and club scoring. New business discussed included the 4-H camp and a planned skating party for Feb. 8, with proposed snow date for the event Feb. 22. Club recreation leaders then conducted some games.

Karen Stevens adjourned the meeting, which had been conducted in candlelight.

Reporter
Bernadine Garrett

School menu

Primary School

Mon., Feb. 11 - Beef pattie and gravy, string beans, creamed potatoes, roll, butter, milk, fruit.

Tues., Feb. 12 - Turkey roll on bun, pork & beans, slaw, pudding, milk.

Wed., Feb. 13 - Chili beans, apple sauce, brocolli, doughnut, roll, butter, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 14 - Hamburger, French fries, green peas, milk, jello.

Fri., Feb. 15 - Fish squares, macaroni & cheese, greens, butter, milk, fruit, corn bread.

Southern Jubilee Singers slated for Promise Land

The Southern Jubilee Singers of Nathalie, Va., will render a special musical program at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. The service is sponsored by the church. All officers, members and friends are invited to come out.

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Several visitors were present. The junior and senior choirs rendered beautiful music. The pastor delivered a very helpful sermon.

All members and friends are asked to attend the next regular meeting of the NAACP this Monday evening at 7:30 at the Promise Land Baptist Church.

to attend the regular preaching service at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The pastor's aid of the Galilee Baptist Church held a short meeting last Sunday after the morning service. The plans for the fund raising activities were discussed.

The members and friends of the local assembly are urged to attend the next regular meeting on next Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Please keep in mind the anniversary program of the Mount Shiloh Jr. Choir on the third Sunday in the month at 3 p.m.

Mr. Charlie W. Tanner of Mt. Shiloh Church is receiving special treatment in the Lynchburg General Hospital. We hope and pray for him a speedy recovery.

Parents invited to discuss student registration

Parents of students in the present 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11th grades in Appomattox County Schools are invited to participate in a discussion pertaining to course offerings for the 1980-81 school session as scheduled below:

Date	Time	Place	Present Grade
Mon., Feb. 11	9:05 - 9:55 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	9
	10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	10
	10:55 - 11:45 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	11
	1:15 - 2:10 p.m.	Cafeteria, AMS	8
	2:10 - 3:05 p.m.	Cafeteria, AMS	7
Monday night, Feb. 11	8:00 p.m.	Library, ACHS	7,8,9,10,11

The purposes of these meetings are to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings and registration procedures for the school year 1980-1981. Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present for the discussion and to answer questions. It is hoped that every parent will plan to attend one of the discussion meetings that has been scheduled.

Registration for courses by students for the next school year is to begin Monday, Feb. 11, and end on Moriday, Feb. 18. Guidance counselors in the Appomattox Middle School and Appomattox County High School will then, through personal and group sessions, aid students in their course selections for their high school years. "It is very important that parents be familiar with the many course offerings that are available, and be in a position to help their children in the selection", explained Mr. Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools. Final registration is to be completed by April 1, and further changes in courses will not be made unless it has been determined that there are unusual circumstances. The choices of subjects will be used to schedule classes and to determine classes and to determine staff needs for the 1980-81 school year.

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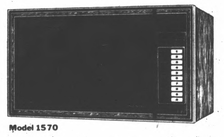

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